

SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Lutheran Community of Christian Believers - ELCA

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**8:30 & 10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE**

*"I have come
seeking fruit
on this fig tree ..."*

Luke 13:7, ESV



**MARCH 20, 2022
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT**

All Are Welcome!

All who have come to worship are heartily welcomed. Let us joyfully open our hearts to God and to one another.

You are encouraged to participate in all that Shepherd of the Glades has to offer and to make Shepherd of the Glades your spiritual home.

All are invited and welcome to partake of the sacrament of Holy Communion by kneeling or standing at the altar rail. For your safety and convenience, you will have a choice of coming to the altar rail or taking communion in your pew in an individually sealed container. If, for any reason, you are not comfortable receiving communion, but would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms, indicating you wish to receive a blessing. The Eucharist is celebrated by intinction. Our Altar Guild at all communion services offers grape juice (lighter color), as well as wine (darker color), for intinction, the dipping of wafer into the wine or juice. One chalice will hold both wine and grape juice. Communion is continuous with kneeling or standing. Note: Gluten free wafers are now offered as well.

If Shepherd of the Glades can be of service to you or if you would like Pastor Jeff to contact you, please so indicate on the pew welcome sheet. The office phone number and Pastor Jeff's cell phone number are on the cover of the bulletin.

Ministries for Today

Lector: Don Johnson

Altar Guild: 8:30 a.m. Darlene Momberg
10:30 a.m. Barb Modjeska

Ushers: 8:30 a.m. Leslie & Hank Beers
& Brenda Charleston

10:30 a.m. Betty & Clay Baker
& Doug Walck

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March 20 2022, 8:30 & 10:30 A.M. Worship - Setting I

+ Indicates Please Stand

Bold Indicates Congregation Joins In

PRELUDE 8:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

“All Our Joy” *by: John Sherman*
Megan Cianflone, Director of Music

INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

+ **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage.

C **Amen.**

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

P Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In + Jesus’ name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love.

C **Amen.**

+ **OPENING HYMN** **“Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer”** **ELW 618**

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

A The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

+ **PSALM 63: 1-8** (*Read responsively*)

¹O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary
land where there is no water.

²**Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

⁴**So will I bless you as long as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

⁵My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

⁶**when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

⁷For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

⁸**My whole being clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.” ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

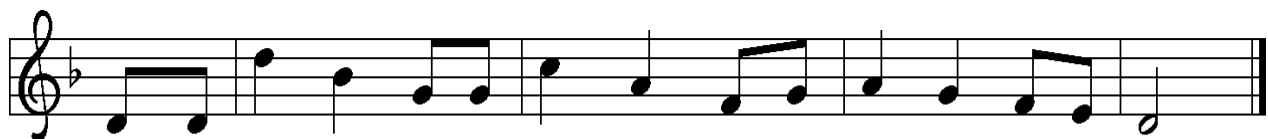
A The Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God

+ LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

THE HOLY GOSPEL according to **Luke 13: 1-9**

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²Jesus asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?”³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

⁶Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ ⁸He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Jeff Ungs

Text: Lessons for the day

+ **HYMN OF THE DAY** “As the Deer Runs to the River” **ELW 331**

A Let us proclaim our trust in the presence and power of God in our lives with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

+ **APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW 105

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

On the third day he rose again;

he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and life everlasting.

Amen.

+ **THE PRAYERS**

A Drawn close to the heart of God, we offer these prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A We pray for the church around the world in all its forms: for pastors, deacons, bishops, chaplains, and mission developers; for church councils, committee chairs, and all lay ministry leaders; for congregations that contemplate difficult decisions about the future of their ministry. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the health of this planet and the well-being of its creatures: for lands torn apart by war and violence. For the farmers in Ukraine as they plant crops that will feed the people, Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For those called into positions of civic responsibility: for judges, attorneys, and court administrators tasked with uncovering truth and delivering justice; for activists and community leaders who cast a vision of a more compassionate and equitable society. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For those who call upon you for mercy: for all who live in poverty and experience hunger; for any who feel tested beyond their strength; for those who are hospitalized or near death, and for all in need of healing, especially: Susie Espersen, Angelo Campanello, Renna Knotek, Bev Smith, the Ungs Family, Bonny Dery & Family, the Lentini Family, James Caulder II, C.B. & Bobbie Williams, Jim Sauer, Nina Smarejesse, Ed Larson, Tom Dunlop, Sandy Lofthouse, Micah Smith, Jim Opperman, Leo Malinowski, and Nick & Anita Lehr. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For the advocacy efforts of this congregation: for those whose faith leads them to speak difficult truths and engage in difficult conversations with policymakers; for those who promote mercy over vengeance or retaliation. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A For those whose earthly journeys have ended, we give thanks. With all the saints, we praise you for the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A God of mercy, you are our resurrection. We give you thanks, oh God, for the celebration of birthdays within our faith community. Today we pray for Kenneth Jordan, Beverly Adams, Brad Puerner, Cecilia Almeida, Nancy Stiener, Colleen Hoffman, Doug McIlwain and Karen Johnson as they celebrate their birthdays. Merciful God,

C receive our prayer.

A Accept the prayers we bring, O God, on behalf of a world in need, for the sake of Jesus Christ.

C Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

P The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

+ **OFFERTORY**

+ **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

ELW 107

A Let us pray.

C Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Now we gather at your feast where you offer us the food that satisfies. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and feed us with the body and blood of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

+ **PROPER PREFACE**

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER** *(Spoken)*

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

+ **DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION**

+ **COMMUNION BLESSING**

P Blessed Jesus, in this rich meal of grace, you have fed us with your body,
the bread of life. Now send us forth to bear your life-giving hop to a world in need.
C Amen.

+ **POST COMMUNION CANTICLE**

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Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -
filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre-pared in the
sight of ev - 'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the na - tions
and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
Now, Lord, you let your ser - vant go in peace.

+ **THE BLESSING**

P You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the
journey.
Almighty God, merciful, majestic, and mighty, + bless you this day and always.

C Amen.

+ **SENDING HYMN** “Restore in Us, O God” **ELW 328**

+ **DISMISSAL**

A Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
C Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Flowers on the altar this morning are given by Heidi & Mike Dziubla in celebration of Frank Bauer's birthday.

HOSPITALIZATIONS

Local hospitals are no longer calling church offices to advise of the hospitalizations of parishioners. If you are hospitalized, or know of someone that is hospitalized, please let the church office know so that we may keep you/them in our prayers and provide pastoral support.

PLEASE REMEMBER WE ARE LIVE STREAMING

When the prelude begins, we begin Worship and live streaming the service. Please remember to use quiet reflection when the prelude begins.

SEW-SEWS HAVE A REQUEST

The Sew-Sews are in need of sheets and curtains to use in making quilts. If you are able to donate any, please drop them by in the office or to the Sew Sews directly on Tuesday mornings, 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thanks!

BEAUTIFICATION OF THE CHURCH

Easter Lilly order forms will be in the March Newsletter and available in the Narthex. This is a wonderful way to remember a loved one while beautifying the Church on Easter Sunday. The cost is \$18.00 per plant, and orders must be submitted to the office before Friday, April 1, 2022.

HELPING UKRAINE

The Endowment Committee approved giving \$10,000 to the Lutheran World Relief Organization to support the Ukrainian crisis. The donations will be matched up to \$250,000. Anyone in the congregation that would like to make a private donation may do so by going to LWR.ORG/MATCH, or just make a check out to SOTG and mark LWR in the memo section of their check.

BACKPACK PROJECT

The Evangelism Committee is currently partnering with Grace Place to fill 40 backpacks for preschool thru second grade students. We are encouraging the congregation to participate by either making a monetary donation to allow the committee to buy the backpacks and supplies in bulk, or by purchasing school supplies themselves and dropping them off at the church office. The committee will have a table set up in the courtyard after each worship service to answer any questions about the project and provide more detailed information.

UPCOMING CONCERT

The Worship and Music committee is planning a special concert to be held at Shepherd of the Glades on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The concert will feature our very own John Sherman who will sing Elvis Presley and Neil Dimond songs as "Johnny & the Ghost Riders". There will be a "freewill" offering (\$10 -\$20) that will benefit the people of Ukraine through Lutheran World Relief. We encourage you to plan to attend and invite a friend. More details to follow as they become available.

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FOR THOSE IN NEED

We have been blessed and wish to bless others. We have some durable medical equipment available to be used at no cost for those in need. Please ask Kelli Ungs or in the office if you know of someone in need. Thank you.

JOIN US FOR BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Jeff is providing a Bible study session every Wednesday morning at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Elaine Sima is providing a Women's Bible study the first Friday of each month. The study begins at 10:00 a.m. and is held in the choir room.

THIS WEEK AT SHEPHERD OF THE GLADES:

The office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday.

Pastor Jeff will be available by appointment.

Third Sunday in Lent, March 20, 2022, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Ungs. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details - www.sotgweb.org.

Monday, March 21st and Wednesday, March 23rd, Bone Builders class, 9-10 :00 a.m.

Tuesday, March 22nd, Sew-Sews meet in Hanson Hall, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd, Bible study with Pastor Ungs, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 23rd, Lenten worship service at 6:00 p.m.

Forth Sunday in Lent, March 27, 2022, 8:30 & 10:30 a.m., public worship with Pastor Jeff Ungs. Worship will also be live streamed on YouTube, or you can access on our website. See website for details -www.sotgweb.org.

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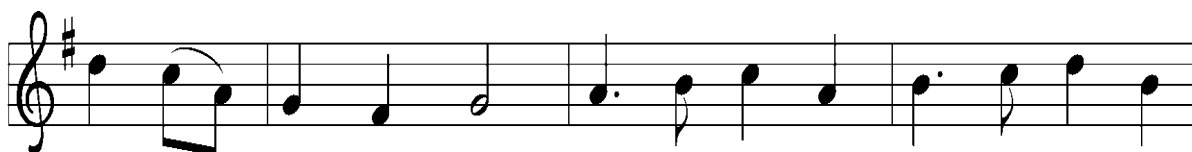
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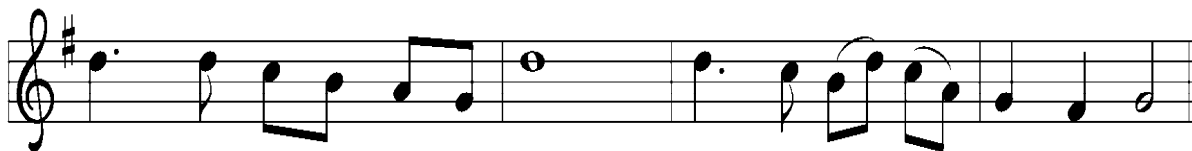
1 Guide me ev - er, great Re - deem - er, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain where the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but you are might - y; hold me
wa - ters flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

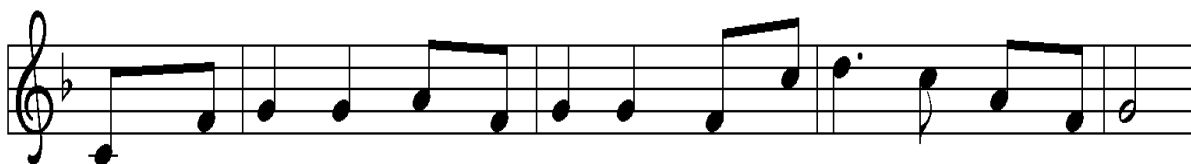


with your pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer, strong de - liv - 'rer,
safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs and prais - es, songs and prais - es



feed me now and ev - er - more, feed me now and ev - er - more.
shield me with your might - y arm, shield me with your might - y arm.
I will raise for - ev - er - more, I will raise for - ev - er - more.

As the Deer Runs to the River

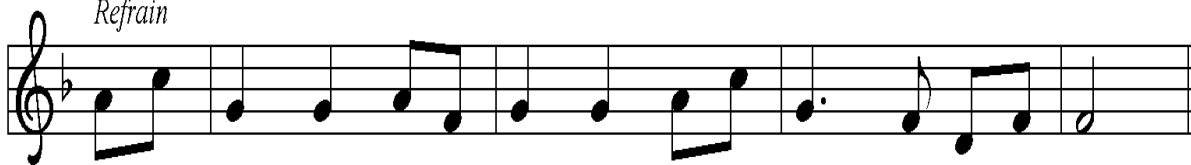


- 1 As the deer runs to the riv - er, parched and wea - ry from the chase,
- 2 When your Is - rael crossed the des - ert where no stream or spring was seen,
- 3 "Come and drink," I - sa - iah sum-moned, "all who for God's mer - cy plead!
- 4 Christ, we come from des - ert plac - es, deep - est thirst un - sat - is - fied.



we have come from hurt and hur - ry, thirst - ing for your heal - ing grace.
Mo - ses struck the rock, and wa - ter flowed for them, re - fresh - ing, clean.
God's for - give - ness, like a foun - tain, flows to sat - is - fy your need."
Lead us to the wa - ters flow - ing from the cross on which you died.

Refrain



Je - sus, source of liv - ing wa - ter, may we drink of you and live!

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Restore in Us, O God



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

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